

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: THE SEX LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST: FILM AND BOOK.

1. EMBASSY HAS BECOME TARGET OF LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN CONCERNING "THE SEX LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST". INFORMATION LOCALLY IS THAT THE BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE CHRISTMAS RUSH AND THAT FILMING WILL TAKE PLACE ON "AN ELEVEN WEEK SCHEDULE" IN 1978. BOTH PUBLICATION AND FILMING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE U.S. THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS HAS URGED NEW ZEALANDERS TO WRITE AMBASSADOR SELDEN (BY NAME) AND PRESIDENT CARTER REQUESTING THE USG "TO PREVENT PRODUCTION" OF THIS FILM. MISSION RESPONDING WITH BRIEF EXPLANATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS ON PRE-CENSORSHIP. NO SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED, BUT IF THERE IS MORE WE SHOULD KNOW, PLEASE ADVISE. HEALY

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